

Parish of Botha

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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Corpus Christi

'From this feast of **Corpus Christi** have originated many practices of eucharistic devotion that, under the inspiration of divine grace, have increased from day to day and that the Catholic Church uses eagerly to show ever greater homage to Christ, to thank him for so great a gift and to implore his mercy' (Pope Paul VI).

Masses for the Week

Immaculate Conception Monea:

Sunday 7th June 10am Mass **Anniversary:** Denis and Mary Anne Kelly, Magheragannon

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 7th June 11:30am Mass **Anniversary:** Raymond McCabe, Fairview Park – Johnny McCaffrey, Main Street – John and Catherine Green, Drumcroohen – Deceased of the Green Family, Drumbeggan

Tuesday 9th June Eucharistic Adoration 10am – 7pm

Tuesday 9th June **St Columba (Colum Cille)** 7pm Mass and Novena to St Peregrine **Anniversary:** Hugh, Molly, James and Veronica McConnell, Rosspoint

Wednesday 10th June 10am Mass

Thursday 11th June **St Barnabas** 10am Mass

Sunday 14th June 11:30am Mass **Anniversary:** Una Burns, Enniskillen – Patsy Greene, Dresternan – Henry and Susan Greene, Tonagh – Eamon McGowan and Deceased of the McGowan Family, Tonagh – Seamus and Julia Cassidy, Sandhill

Sacred Heart Boho:

Sunday 14th June 10am Mass **Anniversary:** Pat Joe, Kathleen and Francie Magee, Killyhommon Jim Magee, Farnaconnell – Charles, Margaret and Gerard Duffy, Coolarkin – Cathal Duffy, Magherageeragh – Deceased of the Cadden Family, Tonelisderrit

Celebration of the Golden Jubilee of Ordination to Priesthood of Bishop Larry Duffy: will be celebrated in St Macartan's Cathedral on **Sunday 14th June** at 3pm. Everyone welcome. Refreshments afterwards in the Hillgrove Hotel.

PRAYER

Beloved Saviour, draw me ever closer to Your Eucharistic Heart.

Let my love for the Blessed Sacrament continue to grow with each passing day.

Help me recognise that every visit to Your altar is an invitation to encounter Your grace and mercy.

Increase my desire for prayer, adoration, and faithful participation in the Mass.

Teach me to treasure the moments I spend in Your presence and to seek You above all else.

May my devotion be sincere and steadfast.

Let every encounter with You deepen my faith

and strengthen my commitment to live as Your disciple. Amen.



Cemetery Sunday: The annual blessing of the graves will take place after 10am Mass in the Sacred Heart, Boho on Sunday 12th July and after masses on Sunday 19th July in the Immaculate Conception and St Patrick's.

Parish Census: The Diocese requires a census from each parish every five years. This will be carried out over the coming weeks. If you are willing to assist with the census, please get in touch with the parish office during office hours. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Envelope Collection: Week ending 31st May – Weekly offerings £2460.00 and €139.30, Development Fund £1990.00 and €323.85 Thank you for your generous support.

Annual National Grandparents Pilgrimage: celebrating the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly on **Sunday, 26th July** in Knock Shrine commencing at 2.30pm with the Anointing of the Sick. A day of Grace and Blessing for the whole family as we honour grandparents and the elderly. All are welcome. Visit www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org.

Clogher Diocese Pilgrimage to Knock: led by Most Rev Larry Duffy, will take place on **Wednesday 5th August**. A schedule for the day will be issued closer to the date.

Thought for Today

The Eucharist gives us the experience of rediscovering the 'Community', and of 'Encountering the community'. It is the laboratory of fraternity. This is why a Christian can never be content with personal prayer because there are times when the Community, Jesus's friends, gather together to pray. This is the Eucharist. In this gathering, we listen to the Word and nourish ourselves on the Eucharist.

Lord Jesus, in gathering your disciples around the table, you teach me that there is no Eucharist without the community, and there is no community without service. Help me to make my life a Eucharistic life.

Fr Andrea Vena

Points to Ponder

Over the centuries, the Holy Spirit gradually guided the Church to an awareness of Christ's ongoing sacramental presence in the Eucharist. As the Eucharist was reserved after Mass so that Holy Communion could be brought to the sick, we began to realise that we could extend the worship and praise, and the prayers of intercession and supplication offered to God during the Mass by adoring the Lord in the Eucharist outside of Mass. Eventually, churches constructed tabernacles where we could reserve the Blessed Sacrament. Gradually we developed the liturgical practice of Eucharistic exposition, adoration, and benediction. Today, it is impossible to know how many tabernacles there are in the world. So many parish churches, convents and monasteries, oratories and residences of religious orders! In every corner of the world—indeed, in every corner of time and space—Jesus is with us, wanting to accompany us and to be available so that we can come to him in the Eucharist and open our hearts to him. He is drawing the whole world into his Sacred Heart through his silent, respectful, loving, generous presence in countless tabernacles throughout the earth. What does this decision on God's part tell me about his love and interest in my life? How have I responded to this gift? How would I like to respond from now on?

Lord, today, by your grace, I will make an extra visit to a chapel or a church where I can be with you in the Eucharist. And I will take time there to enjoy your presence and thank you for everything I am grateful for. *epriest.com*

Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: Jackpot £3200. £20 Seamus Gilfedder, Belleek, Karen Corrigan and Sean Gallagher, online. Draw in Doogies tonight. Thanks to everyone who supports and promotes the Lotto. The club was delighted to receive a set of jerseys for our Under- 10.5 Boys team from the Thompson family, in memory of our late underage player and club member, Jamie.

Enniskillen VSOSJ Branch: is running a bus to Knock Shrine on **Saturday 27th June**. To reserve a seat, please contact Pat 07788433683, Adrian 07817451959 or Parish Office 66322075. Bus leaving Halls Lane at 7.30am.

Silent Retreat: The Foyer of Charity will hold a Silent Retreat in the Carmelite Retreat Centre, Termonbacca, Derry from **13th to 19th July**. Cost £395/€450 Full Board. The preacher will be Fr Killian Byrne. For more information, contact Helen on 00 353 86 1678027 or email hellywilliams@gmail.com. Visit www.foyerofcharity.ie

A morning prayer of St Columba

Feast Day 9 June

'Be thou a bright flame before me,
Be thou a guiding star above me,
Be thou a smooth path below me,
Be thou a kindly shepherd behind me,
Today, tonight, and evermore. Amen.'